The Task Force has eminent members from different disciplines namely engineering, finance, etc. and is required to give recommendations on all the aspects related to inter-linking of rivers including technical feasibility and economic viability of the project as per its terms of reference.

Outcome of the meeting of People's National Water Forum

3396.SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a meeting of the People's National Water Forum was held in New Delhi in March 2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the participants and the broad issues considered therein;

(c) whether the Forum unanimously identified that the scheme to link India's rivers as a major threat to the basic human right to have access to adequate and quality water; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) : (a) Neither any information regarding organization nor recommendations of the meeting of People's National Water Forum has been received by the Ministry of Water Resources.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Financial grants by International Institutions and World Bank

3397. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial grants received from International Institutions/World Bank etc. for irrigation projects during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) the details of irrigation projects started by the various States during this period; and

(c) if so, the amount spent on each irrigation project?